

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so that they more closely conform to U.S. practice, and to more clearly recite the inventive aspects of the invention.

Claim 26 corresponds to canceled claim 13

Claim 27 corresponds to canceled claim 14;

Claim 28 corresponds to canceled claim 16;

Claim 29 corresponds to canceled claim 16;

Claim 30 corresponds to canceled claim 17;

Claim 31 corresponds to canceled claim 18;

Claim 32 corresponds to canceled claim 18;

Claim 33 corresponds to canceled claim 19;

Claim 34 corresponds to canceled claim 20;

Claim 35 finds support in original claim 1;

Claim 36 corresponds to canceled claim 21;

Claim 37 corresponds to canceled claim 21;

Claim 38 corresponds to canceled claim 22;

Claim 39 corresponds to canceled claim 23;

Claim 40 corresponds to canceled claim 24;

Claim 41 corresponds to canceled claim 25;

Claim 42 finds support in original claim 1.

Claim 43 finds support in original claim 1.

Favorable consideration of the application in the light of the present response is respectfully urged. If any issues

remain that can be clarified by telephone, Examiner Mai is encouraged to contact Applicant's Representative at the number indicated below.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the notice dated November 14, 2006, for one (1) month from December 14, 2006, to January 14, 2007. A duly completed credit card authorization form is attached to effect payment of the extension fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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